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**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

Applicants do, however, not acquiesce to the reasons set out in the Statements of Reasons for Allowance. Particularly, the Examiner has indicated that the claims are allowed by importing an interpretation into the claims in relation to the prior art that may place an unwarranted limiting interpretation upon the claims. Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art would not properly take into account the applicants' claimed invention as reflected in the specification. Further, while applicants believe that the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature of the claims

is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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